

SHOCKING OCCURRENCE ON THE STEAMSHIP TAMALA.

Five Men Close Themselves in a Small Compartment, Light a Fire of Welsh Coal and Are Killed by Inhaling the Gas—Two Others Prostrated.

"My God! Dead!" The words were uttered about three o'clock yesterday morning by James O'Brien, fireman of the steamship *Tamala*, of the Anchor line of steamships, after vainly endeavoring to awaken his comrades, who, a few brief hours before, had retired to rest in their berths on the port side of the main deck. The exclamation was echoed along the deck, and a few minutes later officers of the vessel sailed out, and, meeting the sailors from the forecastle, who had also been alarmed, there was hurrying to and fro. The berth in which seven men were lying dead or unconscious was reached, when a

FEARFUL SIGHT met the vision of the spectators. Five men lay dead in their berths, and two, who showed signs of life, still breathed heavily, while from the narrow compartment into which the night before seven souls had fled to sleep and rest a sickly

ODOR OF COAL GAS ESCAPED. The portholes, which had been securely fastened, were thrown open, and the fire breezes were admitted. A little later members of the ship's crew entered and carefully removed the bodies of the occupants of the berths to the deck, when an examination convinced the officers of the good ship that death had paid the vessel an unseasonable visit. The quartermaster was hurriedly despatched for

THE SURVIVORS. MEDICAL AID. and thence the *Tamala*, No. 10 North river, crossed street in eager haste up on the pier. The first physician he called upon, the ship's officers say, was Dr. Goode, of 120 Greenwich street, who refused to respond, and referred the messenger to the Liberty street police station. Hurrying along the street, he espied the sign of Dr. Merrill, of 16 Greenwich street, who, on learning of the condition of the men, repaired to the vessel. In the meantime the officers of the vessel had done all in their power to resuscitate the men, but they were unsuccessful. The doctor found

and the other two occupants of the compartment nearly strangled by the coal gas. Administering resuscitatives to the two men, who still breathed, raised a little and were immediately despatched to the Centre Street Hospital by Captain Speight's police, who early learned of the sad event.

THE CAUSE OF THE CATASTROPHE is not clear, but, discarding all hearsay evidence, it appears that five of the occupants of the compartment, or section—all of whom are firemen—retired about ten o'clock, having first kindled a fire of Welsh coal in the stove that they had found on the deck. The unfortunate men, however, failed to take the precaution on

OPEN THE PORT HOLE. and the ventilation in the night—the officers reported—two of the occupants of the compartment, who had been asleep at the time, returned, sober and not having been disturbed for some time, and, finding the fire still burning, they retired to their berths. He was the last who entered, until about three o'clock, when, as already stated, entered for the purpose of securing the fuel, and discovered the condition of his shipmates.

WEAK THE MEN DRUNK? It having been ascertained that the death of these men was the result of a drunken spree, a reporter of the *HERALD* yesterday afternoon boarded the vessel, and, inquiring for the officer in command, was referred to Captain Brown, who was in the fore-cabin. In answer to queries the captain stated that he was so worn out by the excitement that he could not answer queries, and he merely turned the reporter over to Purser Henderson, with whom he had an interview, and from whom the above details were obtained. The purser, who is a stout, middle-aged man, and other gentlemen, who were in the cabin, were especially found in their denunciation of the immorality of the firemen who stood upon the vessel, and asked that the *HERALD* reporter should especially refer to his action. The doctor, however, may not be so black as he is painted, and may be able to give a satisfactory explanation of the tragedy.

IN ANSWER TO THE query whether the men were drunk, all the officials present declared that, as far as they could learn, they were sober, and that, with the exception of McNeven, the unfortunate victims were steady men, and that

ALL THE MEN WERE SOBER, including the two who returned later from the theatre. THE VICTIMS. The following are the names of the victims, with all particulars in the possession of Purser Henderson:—

JAMES McNEVEN, married, of Argyle, Scotland, forty-seven years of age. William Todd, single, of Glasgow, aged twenty-nine years. Francis Aiken, single, of Glasgow, aged twenty years.

William Matheson, single, of Glasgow, aged twenty-two years. Archibald Swan, single, of Oban, Scotland, aged twenty-five years.

THE SURVIVORS. John Haynes, married, of County Clare, Ireland, now in hospital. Adam Galt, single, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, in hospital, likely to recover.

HAYNES was relieved by Gillen about midnight, and the last one to enter the fatal room. CORNETT Young, later in the day, held an

INQUEST on the bodies of the dead. Captain Brown, commander of the vessel, Robert Merry, chief engineer, and John McDonald, quartermaster, were examined, and their testimony was taken by the coroner. Dr. Marsh made a post mortem examination and found all the evidences of death by suffocation.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOR. An Inman Steamer Sinks a Barge—One Man Drowned and Thirty Thousand Dollars Worth of Cargo Lost.

On Tuesday night, at nine o'clock, as the barge *David Starvane*, owned by the Camden and Albany Railroad Company, was being towed by the tug *Atlas*, she was run into and completely wrecked by the City of Manchester, of the Inman line, which had cleared for Liverpool just previously. The barge and tug were just off the reef at the time of the accident. The cargo of the barge was composed entirely of silver ore, in the shape of small bars, and struck her in the side. The collision sent her overboard, and all the cargo which she had on board went to the bottom; the barge, righted, for the ore had all left her, and she floated on her side, where she now lies sunk, a perfect wreck. The cargo was valued at \$30,000, and the vessel at \$10,000. The *City of Manchester*, a steam tug, of the Inman line, was in the harbor at the time, and, upon being informed of the accident, she immediately started for the wreck, and, upon reaching it, she found the barge and tug in a position to prevent her from doing any good. The captain, James Mack, only escaped a slight injury by jumping into the lifeboat and clinging on like grim death. He was taken up by the crew of the *City of Manchester*, which stopped, and, upon reaching the shore, he was taken to the hospital, and, upon being examined, he was found to be in a very bad state of mind, and was perfectly unable to get out of the way in time. The barge was coming from South Amboy and going to the Cunard Dock, in Jersey City.

CHAMP, ONE AND CGARS. Burglary in a Liquor Store—Arrest of the Thieves and Recoverers.

On the night of the 18th inst., the sample store of Henry D. Gansberg, No. 845 Third avenue, was entered by two burglars named Richard Kelly and Elijah Howard, notorious characters, who robbed the place of nearly \$200 worth of cigars and champagne. Detective Lambricht and officer McDowell, of the New York police, were on duty at the time, and, upon being informed of the robbery, they immediately started for the store, and, upon reaching it, they found the burglars in the act of leaving. They immediately arrested them, and, upon being taken to the police station, they were found to be in possession of a large quantity of stolen property, including a large quantity of cigars and champagne. The burglars were taken to the police station, and, upon being examined, they were found to be in possession of a large quantity of stolen property, including a large quantity of cigars and champagne. The burglars were taken to the police station, and, upon being examined, they were found to be in possession of a large quantity of stolen property, including a large quantity of cigars and champagne.

THE VARIOUS colored societies of Savannah observed, by appropriate demonstrations, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Monday, the 12th inst., when they packed in numbers they made up in enthusiasm.

THE COURTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Seaman's Protection Papers—Forged Certificate of Citizenship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 1871.

No. 130. *The United States vs. James Tynes*. Certificate of Pardon from the Circuit Court for the District of California. The defendant in this case was indicted under the thirteenth section of the act of 1818 for falsely and feloniously uttering a forged certificate of citizenship, but as he was not a seaman, and as the act under which the indictment was found was entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," it was contended, on demurrer to the indictment, that it was void and charged no offence punishable under the statute. The Court, below, divided in opinion on this question, and, on the further question whether it is necessary, under the act, to aver that the certificate was issued by a public or private vessel of the United States. These questions being referred to this court, the Solicitor General submitted the case on his printed brief, which insists that the statute, when fairly construed, levels its penalties as well as the general crime, by whomsoever committed, against the parties and officers of seamen. The particular purport of which the forged certificate is uttered, is not an essential element of the crime, and, as the act is general, it is averred in the indictment. It makes no difference whether the person is a seaman intending to use the certificate for the purpose of procuring employment on an American vessel, or whether the offender be other than a seaman, and uses it for quite another purpose.

UNITED STATES COURT AT TRENTON.

In the United States District Court, Trenton, yesterday, the whole day was consumed with arguments in the case of General Halstead vs. The Elizabethtown Seam Manufacturing Company. The plea to show cause why General Halstead should not be paid about \$30,000 charter mortgage. The concern is bankrupt, and the mortgage was executed only two days before the six months' charter expired. The bankruptcy act makes such an instrument legal. It is alleged that General Halstead was the president of the company, one of the directors, and that he has \$15,000 in the hands of the company, and that the directors, when only four—a quorum—were present, only one of whom was not interested, the charter was renewed, and that the question of the right to a \$24,000 debt has been proven. The hearing adjourned until Friday.

COURT CALENDARS THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part 2—Before Judge Brady. Nos. 235, 4, 2, 34, 1702, 1808, 185, 228, 240, 254, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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